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KETTON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1960.

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the Annual Report of the

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Public Health Officers of the Authority :-

Medical Officer of Health	Dr. D. McKnight, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., D.P.H.
Senior Public Health Inspector	L. J. Roll, A.R.S.H., Cert. S.I.B.
Additional Public Health Inspector	A. R. Burt, A.R.S.H., Cert. S.I.B.

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Broad Street,
Stamford,
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Tel. No. Stamford 2086.

November, 1961.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the
Ketton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1960.

The health of the district tends to be good, health statistics comparing favourably with those for England and Wales.

The birth rate is slightly lower than that of the England and Wales as a whole.

Our infant mortality rate compares favourably with the national average.

We have had no maternal death in the year and our death rate continues to be very low. Nearly 40% of the deaths recorded were due to degenerative causes.

Only one case of Tuberculosis was notified and none of Poliomyelitis, also a slight epidemic of measles occurred. We had no death from infectious diseases during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

DIANA McKNIGHT.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	17,735 acres.
Population estimated mid 1960	3,550
Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book	1,068
Rateable Value	39,431
Sum Represented by Penny Rate	£157 18s. 6d.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

		M.	F.	Total.	ENGLAND & WALES.
Live Births.	Leg.	23	26	49	
	Ill.	1	1	2	
	Total.	24	27	51	
Live Birth Rate Per 1,000 Population.		14.4			17.1
Still-births.	Leg.	1			
	Ill.	1			
	Total.	2			
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still-births.		37.7			
Stillbirths & deaths of infants under 1 week of age per 1,000 live and still births.		37.7			
Illegitimate live birth per cent of total live births.		3.9			
Infant Deaths.	Leg.	1			
	Ill.	0			
	Total.	1			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births : total.		19.6			21.9
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births : legitimate.		19.6			
Neo-natal mortality rate.		0.0			
Early natal mortality rate.		0.0			
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live & Stillbirths.		~~0.0~~ 37.7			
Maternal Deaths.		0.0			
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births.		0.0			
Death Rate per 1,000 Population.		7.8			11.5

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INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	Male.	Female.
Tuberculosis respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis (other forms)	-	-
Syphilitie Disease	-	-
Diptheria	-	-
Whooping Couth	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective & Carasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm of stomach.	1	-
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	1	1
Leukaemia & Aleukaemia	-	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	2
Coronary diseases	1	2
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases angina	4	1
Other circulatory diseases	1	1
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	3	2
Bronchitis	2	-
Other Diseases Respiratory system	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
Hyperplasis of Prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	1	1
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	2
Suicide	-	-
Homicide and operations of war.	-	-
	16	12

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

	Under 1 week.	1 - 2 weeks.	2 - 3 weeks.	3 - 4 weeks.	Total under 1 month.	1 - 3 months.	3 - 6 months.	6 - 9 months.	9 - 12 months.	Total under 1 year.
Premature Birth and Malformation etc.										
Pneumonia and Bronchitis Enteritis and Diarrhoea										
Peritonitis				~~1~~	~~1~~	1				1
Other Causes										
Total = 1.						1				1

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM.

	Total cases notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	5		
Pneumonia	8		
Dysentery	1		
Acute Poliomyelitis	-		
Measles	27		
Whooping Cough	4		
Total.	45		

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Not Known.	Under 1 year.	" 2 years.	" 3 "	" 4 "	" 5 "	" 10 "	" 15 "	" 20 "	" 25 "	" 35 "	" 45 "	" 55 "	Over 65 "	Total.
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Pneumonia	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	8
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	4	8	3	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total.	1	5	10	4	4	15	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	45

TUBERCULOSIS.

	Deaths during 1960.				New cases during 1960.			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1 years								
1 - 5 "								
5 - 15 "								
15 - 25"								
25 - 35"								
35 - 45"						1		
45 - 55"								
55 - 65"								
Over 65"								
Total = 1.						1		

New cases notified during 1956 = 2.
" " " " 1957 = 1.
" " " " 1958 = 1.
" " " " 1959 = 2.
" " " " 1960 = 1.

FACTORY ACT, 1937 PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	9	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	12	11	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	20	20	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as, two three or more "cases".

	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred. To H.M. Inspector	Referred. By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
temperature					
Inadequate ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences (a) insufficient (b) unsuitable or defective (c) not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).					
TOTAL.					

PART V111 OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 110 and 111) ..... Nil.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Nursing in the Home.

Provided by the County Council under the National Health Service.

General Hospitals.

Acute and Maternity admissions to :-

Stamford and Rutland Hospital under the Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Chronic and long term cases to either :-

St. George's Hospital Stamford

Or.

The Ashes, Oakham.

Isolation Hospital.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the Peterborough Hospital Management Committee.

Laboratory Facilities.

Provision for the bacteriological analysis of milk, water and pathological specimens is made by the Public Health Emergency Laboratory at the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough under Dr. D. H. Fulton. This includes also bacteriological specimens sent by the National Health General Practitioner Service.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

(a) Provided by the Rutland County Council.

Child Welfare :-

Ketton	Twice monthly.

Diptheria Immunisation ;-

Provided under the General Medical Practitioner Service of the Rutland County Council.

(b) Provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis :-

Tuberculosis cases are seen at the Chest Clinic, Stamford Hospital, under the Consulting Chest Physician, Dr. G. B. Royce.

Stamford.)	Weekly Clinic
Rutland Hospital)	Tuesday & Friday.

KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1960.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS.

Housing	65
Meat and Foods	103
Factories	20
Water Supplies	369
Refuse Disposal	48
Sewage Disposal	119
Building	259
Infectious Diseases	19
Miscellaneous	371
	1373

NOTICES SERVED.

	Issued.	Complied with.
Informal	17	14
Statutory	12	10

MEAT AND FOODS.

One slaughterhouse only in the Parish of Ketton has continued to be in regular use for the slaughter of sheep and pigs. Beef requirements for the District, apart from an occasional emergency slaughter, have been slaughtered at the Stamford Abattoir.

The total number of animals slaughtered and inspected was 443 - once again hundred per cent inspection was maintained.

The condemned meat comprised 3 Pigs' Heads and Tongues and 1 Mesentery affected with Tuberculosis and 1 Pig's Heart, 4 pairs of Sheep's Lungs and 1 liver affected with other conditions.

No case of Cysticercus Bovis was observed during the year.

No food other than meat was condemned during the year.

Details of animals slaughtered are given in the following Table :-

	BEASTS	PIGS	SHEEP.
No. of Animals slaughtered, and Inspected.	2	128	313
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY			
No. of Whole Carcases and offals condemned	-	-	-
No. of Carcases of which some part was condemned	-	4	-
Percentage of Carcases affected with T.B.	-	3.15%	-
DISEASES OTHER THAN T.B.			
No. of Whole Carcases and offals condemned	-	-	-
No. of Carcases of which some part was condemned	-	1	5
Percentage with diseases other than T.B.	-	0.78%	1.6%

Preserved Food, Etc. Food and Drugs Act.

One additional registration of premises licensed for the sale of ice-cream was made during the year. In other respects the Register remains unchanged.

Milk and Dairies.

As the District is a Specified Area under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1954, enforcement of this Order is the responsibility of the Food and Drugs Authority.

One additional Supplementary Licence to sell Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin Tested milk was issued during the year, the other Dealers and Supplementary Licences remaining unchanged.

FACTORIES.

There was one addition to and one removal from the Register during the year. It has not been necessary to issue any Notice for infringement of the Factories Act during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

Investigation and measur es of disinfection as appropriate were carried out respecting 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, of which 2 were at Ketton, 1 at Little Casterton and 1 at Tinwell, and also in respect of a case of Tuberculosis removed to hospital from Ketton. Enquiries were also made in respect of a case of Dysentery notified at Tinwell.

It is gratifying to record that it was not necessary to take any action in respect of verminous premises or persons during the year.

NEW BUILDINGS.

67 Plans were deposited during the year and of these 57 were approved, 5 disapproved, 1 exempt and 4 related to quarrying of minerals. The approved plans included those for 10 private dwellings, 4 at Great Casterton, 3 at Ketton,

2 at Tixover and 1 at Ryhall. 30 private houses were completed during the year, of which 19 were at Ryhall, 7 at Great Casterton, 2 at Ketton and 2 at Tixover.

8 Council bungalows for old people were completed during the year, 4 at Ketton and 4 at Ryhall.

4 Notices to alter or remove building works which infringed the building byelaws were served and of these 3 had been complied with by the end of the year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

4 applications for Licences for Caravans, 2 at Little Casterton, 1 at Ketton and 1 at Great Casterton, were approved and action taken to secure the removal of 5 unauthorised caravans, 2 at Ryhall, 1 at Essendine, 1 at Great Casterton and 1 at Little Casterton.

The introduction of the Caravan Act, 1960 has superseded the licensing of individual vans and has to some extent improved the position, but the absence of any overcrowding standard for caravans is very disappointing.

SCAVENGING.

This service has continued to operate satisfactorily during the year with very few complaints and the hiring of standard dustbins continues to be a popular service.

SEWERAGE.

The Ryhall scheme has continued to operate satisfactorily but with the very heavy Autumn rains the disposal of sludge again became an urgent problem. Steps have since been taken to deal with this matter.

The Little Casterton scheme was completed and is in operation.

A start was made on the long awaited Ketton scheme in February but the rate of progress during the year was distressingly slow.

RAG FLOCK ACT.

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT.

There are no licensed premises in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Supplies generally throughout were satisfactory and there was considerable recovery in the level of the Clipsham bore. It was decided not to proceed with the extension to the Clipsham/Holywell boundary; this area is to be served by the South Kesteven Rural District Council.

A small extension of the main at Great Casterton to serve the hamlet of Ingthorpe was carried out, this having become possible by the construction of a new bridge over the river Guash.

Interruption of the supply in the Parish of Ketton occurred in December when two major bursts occurred on the trunk main from Collyweston. Flooding of the river Welland occurred at the same time and repair work was impossible for a few days. It became necessary to cart water from Stamford and the Ketton Cement Works supply to fill the Empingham Road Reservoir and this was done with the assistance of the Leicestershire and Rutland Fire Brigade.

HOUSING INSPECTION.

The 8 Council bungalows previously mentioned were completed, making possible a limited amount of Slum Clearance work but the slow progress of the Ketton sewerage scheme still makes progress in this direction difficult since the great majority of the remaining unfit houses are in the Parish of Ketton.

1 Certificate of Disrepair was cancelled during the year and this was the only action necessary under the Rent Act.

Applications for Discretionary Improvement Grants were received in respect of 9 houses and approved in all cases and approval in principle given in respect of two further houses. 1 house was brought up to standard under the Discretionary Grant Scheme and 2 houses under the Standard Grant Scheme.

The Council decided to seek Grant Aid to bring the whole of their pre-war houses up to standard as and when main sewerage becomes available. It was decided to proceed with the 32 pre-war Council houses at Ryhall to be followed by 24 at Ketton as soon as the sewerage scheme in that Parish is available.

No. of Visits.	65
No. of Houses inspected	51
No. of Houses inspected and recorded	28
No. of Visits made for the purpose	46
No. of Houses found unfit for habitation	15
No. of Houses not in all respects fit.	13

Remedy of Defects.

No. of Houses made fit as a result of informal action	9
No. of Houses brought up to standard after assistance by Improvement Grants	3
No. of Unfit Houses closed by Closing Orders.	2
No. of Unfit Houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners	3
No. of Unfit Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2
No. of Part Houses closed under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957	1

Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	Nil.

No. of Cases of overcrowding discovered	2
No. of Cases of overcrowding abated.	2

L. J. ROLL.

Surveyor and
Public Health Inspector.

November 1961.